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AMENDMENT - SUBMISSION FOR RCE

Dear Sir:

Attached is a Responsive Amendment which is submitted with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above referenced patent application. This Amendment is submitted under Proposed Revision to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (Manner of Making Amendments. Amendments to the Claims are on page 2. Applicants' comments to the Office Action begin on page 4 in the section entitled "Response".

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, having a period for response set to expire January 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof. Applicants also herein request a three month extension for this response as allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).